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OFFICE OF ECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, AND ADMINISTRATION

June 10, 2004

Mr. Mark Miles
Director and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: AB-103 (Sub-No. 17X) - The Kansas City Southern Railway Company -
Abandonment Exemption - in Jackson County, Missouri (SHPO Log Number
065-JA-04)

Dear Ms. Pierce:

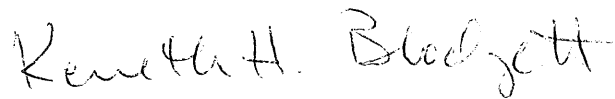
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR) filed a petition for exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) on April 8, 2004, to abandon rail line in the above-referenced proceeding. In response to KCSR's notification to you regarding this proposed abandonment, you wrote to Mr. David Reeves on April 6, 2004, stating your determination that abandonment of the Second Street Track may have an "adverse effect" on the historic fabric of the Old Town Historic District.

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Board responsible for conducting the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, including the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). As the SEA staff person assigned to this case, I am writing to you to initiate the consultation process pursuant to the regulations implementing Section 106 of NHPA.

I hope that you or a member of your staff will contact me so that we can begin to work together, and with KCSR, to seek ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects resulting from the proposed abandonment.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to working with you and your office as we fulfill our obligations under Section 106 for this case. My telephone is (202) 565-1554 and the fax number for my office is (202) 565-9000.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth H. Blodgett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kenneth H. Blodgett
Section of Environmental Analysis

cc: Mr. William Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC
Mr. Don L. Klima, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation